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June 23rd, 2010

California Air Resources Board
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FAX: 916-327-5748

Re: Support for implementation of SB 375

Dear Chairwoman Mary Nichols, Board Members and CARB Staff:

As co-founders of the Congress for the New Urbanism, this country's leading organization promoting walkable mixed-use neighborhood development, we urge you to set ambitious targets for greenhouse gas emissions through SB 375. The oil spill in the Gulf demonstrates that the real cost of our oil dependence is much higher than what we pay at the pump, and SB 375 finally provides the impetus we need to build the neighborhoods and the transportation system that will free us from dependence on foreign oil. Strong implementation of SB 375 will also help the region offset the impact of population growth on quality of life by addressing all the problems long associated with Southern California's infamous sprawl - including traffic congestion, the burden of rising housing and transportation costs on families, declining air quality and climate change.

SB 375 will begin the CEQA reform necessary to remove the barriers to infill and transit-oriented development, thus leveling the playing field for the building industry and helping to maintain a balance between infill and greenfield development. The law helps provide certainty for developers as well as for neighborhood residents about where development is supposed to occur - thereby making development less contentious and the planning and permitting process less expensive. And SB 375 will improve the allocation of transportation funding according to density and need, thereby easing traffic problems in existing neighborhoods. By promoting a better jobs-housing balance SB 375 will also help reduce the time people must spend commuting - allowing them to instead spend the time with family and friends.

Bottom line, SB 375 helps California accommodate growth in ways that are economically sound, environmentally responsible and socially beneficial. The state needs to set a new and more sustainable course now more than ever. Don't back down from enforcing the law.

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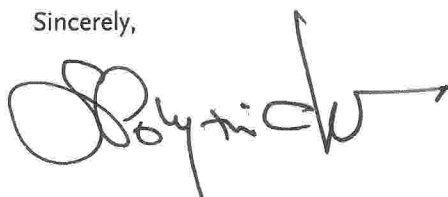
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